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OF

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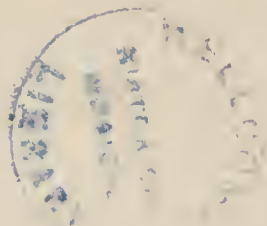
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# BYE-LAWS

## AND

# ORDINANCES.

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### SECT. I.

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE FELLOWSHIP.

1. **T**HAT, except in the cases and instances hereinafter provided for to the contrary, every Candidate for the Fellowship, whether a Member of the College or not, shall produce Certificates satisfactory to the Court of Examiners,—

That he is twenty-five years of age.

That he is (if found qualified upon his examination) a fit and proper person to be admitted to the Fellowship, and the Certificate of which shall be signed by three Fellows.

That he has attained a competent knowledge of the Greek, Latin and French Languages, and of the Elements of Mathematics.

That he has been engaged for six years in the acquirement of professional knowledge in recognized Hospitals or Schools of Surgery and Medicine within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in Foreign Countries ; and that three of such years at least have been passed in one or more of such recognized Hospitals or Schools in London.

That he has attended the Surgical Practice of a recognized Hospital or Hospitals during four years, and the Medical Practice of a recognized Hospital or Hospitals for one year.

That he has studied Anatomy and Physiology by attendance on Lectures and Demonstrations and by Dissections, during three Winter Sessions of not less than six months each, at one or more recognized School or Schools.

That he has attended Lectures on the Theory and Practice of Medicine, and on Clinical Medicine, and also on the Theory and Practice of Surgery, and on Clinical Surgery, during two



Sessions of six months each, at one or more recognized School or Schools.

That he has attended one course of Lectures on each of the following subjects, viz. Chemistry, Materia Medica, Midwifery, Medical Jurisprudence, and Comparative Anatomy, at one or more recognized School or Schools. And, that he has served the office of House Surgeon or Dresser in a recognized Hospital in the United Kingdom. Every such Candidate (except in the cases and instances hereinafter provided for to the contrary) shall also present for examination Clinical Reports, with observations of six or more Surgical cases taken by himself at a recognized Hospital, or recognized Hospitals within the United Kingdom, with sufficient Certificates of their authenticity and genuineness, and shall leave such Reports at the College.

2. That the Council of the College shall annually, on some day in the month of July, publish in the London Gazette a List of all such Hospitals and Schools of Surgery and Medicine within the United Kingdom, and in Foreign Countries, as for the year commencing from the First day of

August then next ensuing, will be considered as having been recognized Hospitals and Schools, from which Certificates of the professional education of Candidates for the Fellowship will be received, and that such Hospitals and Schools, and no others, shall be, and be considered to have been during such year, recognized Hospitals or Schools within the meaning of these Bye-Laws and Ordinances accordingly.

3. That as to any Candidate, who shall have taken the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in an English University, and shall produce satisfactory evidence thereof, it shall, instead of the Certificate or Certificates that he has been engaged for six years in the acquirement of the professional knowledge as before mentioned, be sufficient for him to produce a satisfactory Certificate or Certificates that he has been engaged for five years in the acquirement of professional knowledge in recognized Hospitals and Schools of Surgery and Medicine within the United Kingdom, or in Foreign Countries, and that three of such years at least have been passed in one or more of the recognized Hospitals and Schools of London :



and that it shall not be necessary for any Candidate having so taken the Degree of Bachelor of Arts to produce any Certificate of his having acquired a competent knowledge of the Greek, Latin and French Languages, and of the Elements of Mathematics.

4. That upon the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, or at any earlier period which may be thought proper, the Council shall, under such regulations and for such time or period as to them shall seem proper, (but always subject to removal at the pleasure of the Council,) appoint three persons, and being, or not being, and either all, or in part, Members of the College, as the Council shall think proper, for the purpose of examining persons intending to become Candidates for the Fellowship, and required to be examined in the Greek, Latin and French Languages, and in the Elements of Mathematics : and the said Council, from time to time after the first appointment of such persons for such purpose as aforesaid, and as often as shall be necessary, or to the said Council shall seem proper in that behalf, shall

appoint such other person and persons as to them shall seem fit and proper to succeed or supply the place or places of any person or persons previously appointed for such purpose, and that from and after the first appointment of any such persons for the purpose of making such examination as aforesaid, no Certificate of a Candidate having competent knowledge of the Greek, Latin and French Languages, and of the Elements of Mathematics, shall be received or allowed by the Court of Examiners, except the Certificate or Certificates of the persons for the time being so appointed as aforesaid.

5. That all Members of the College, future as well as present, shall be entitled to be admitted to the examination for the Fellowship according to the foregoing Bye-Laws and Ordinances.

6. That any person who shall have been a Member of the College on the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, shall, after the expiration of eight years from the date of his diploma, also be entitled to be admitted to the examination for the Fellowship upon the production of a Certificate



signed by three Fellows that he has been eight years in the practice of the Profession of Surgery, and that he is a fit and proper person to be admitted a Fellow, if upon examination he shall be found qualified.

7. That any person who shall have become a Member of the College after the said fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, shall, after the expiration of twelve years from the date of the Diploma, also be entitled to be admitted to the examination for the Fellowship upon the production of a Certificate signed by three Fellows that he has been for twelve years in the practice of the profession of Surgery, and that he is a fit and proper person to be admitted a Fellow, if upon examination he shall be found qualified ; and also, if he have not taken the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in an English University, of a Certificate or Certificates that he has a competent knowledge of the Greek, Latin and French Languages, and of the Elements of Mathematics.

## SECT. II.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
THE FELLOWSHIP.

1. The Examination for the Fellowship shall be held three times in the year, at or within such periods as the Council shall from time to time determine.

2. Each Candidate shall be Examined on two days, either successive or at such an interval as the Court of Examiners may appoint.

3. The subjects of the first day's Examination shall be Anatomy and Physiology, those of the second, Pathology, Therapeutics and Surgery.

4. The time allowed for Examination each day shall be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

5. The Examinations shall be conducted in the following manner. Each Candidate shall, upon going in for Examination, have delivered to him a written or printed copy of such questions as shall have been previously determined upon by the Court of Examiners, and to which questions

he shall give written answers, and which answers shall be considered by the Court of Examiners.

The Court may, however, if they should think fit, interrogate any Candidate on any matters connected with the questions or answers. In the Anatomical Examination the Candidate shall also perform dissections and operations on the dead body in the presence of the Court of Examiners, or of such Members thereof as may be deputed by the Court to superintend the same. Candidates whose qualification shall be found insufficient shall not be allowed to present themselves a second time until after the expiration of one year from their First Examination. The Court of Examiners shall report in writing to the Council the names of such persons as they shall have found upon examination to be qualified for the Fellowship.

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### SECT. III.

#### ADMISSION OF FELLOWS.

1. The Council shall direct Diplomas of Fellowship to be issued to such persons as the



Court of Examiners shall from time to time report to have been found qualified for the same.

2. Every Member of the College shall, prior to his admission as a Fellow, make and subscribe his name to the following Declaration, viz.—

“ I, A. B., of C., Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, do solemnly and sincerely declare that while a Fellow of the said College, I will observe the Bye-Laws and Ordinances thereof relating to the Fellowship, and will obey every lawful summons issued by order of the Council of the said College, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary: And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament, intituled An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths

and affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary Oaths.”

3. Every Member of the College shall, prior to his admission as a Fellow, subscribe his name to a Copy of the Bye-Laws and Ordinances relating to the Fellowship in testimony of having engaged himself to the observance thereof.

4. Every Member of the College, prior to his admission as a Fellow, shall pay the sum of Ten Guineas over and besides all charges for stamps.

5. Every person not being previously a Member of the College shall, prior to his admission as a Fellow, make and subscribe his name to the following Declaration, viz.—

“I, A. B., of C., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that while a Fellow or Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, I will observe the Bye-Laws and Ordinances thereof, and will obey every lawful summons issued by the Council of the said College, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary, and will to the utmost of my power maintain the dignity and welfare of the College. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the



sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament, intituled An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary Oaths.”

6. Every person not being previously a Member of the College shall, prior to his admission as a Fellow, subscribe his name to a Copy of the Bye-Laws and Ordinances relating to the Fellowship, and also to a Copy of the Bye-Laws and Ordinances relating to the Members of the College.

7. Every person not being previously a Member of the College shall, prior to his admission as a Fellow, pay the sum of Thirty Guineas over and besides all charges for stamps.

8. The Diploma of a Fellow shall be in the form following, or in such other form as the Council may from time to time direct :—



“ Know all Men, by these Presents, That Mr. A. B., of C., is hereby admitted a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Dated this        Day of        , in the Year of our Lord 18        .  
No.        ”

9. That besides the Common Seal of the College being affixed to the Diploma of every Fellow, the same shall be signed by the President and Vice-Presidents.

10. When more than one Member of the College shall be admitted to the Fellowship at the same time, the Diplomas shall be granted and numbered according to the priority of the dates of their respective Diplomas as Members; and should a person not previously a Member be admitted a Fellow at the same time as a Member or Members, the Diploma or Diplomas of the latter shall take the precedence.

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#### SECT. IV.

That all the foregoing Bye-Laws and Ordinances shall be without prejudice to the power

of the Council within one year from the date of the new Charter to appoint Fellows, as authorized and provided by such new Charter.

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## SECT. V.

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

1. Notice of the place and time appointed for every Meeting of the Fellows, for the Election of Members or a Member of the Council, shall be given to the Fellows by advertisement in the London Gazette, and in two London Daily Newspapers, at least fourteen, and not more than twenty-one days, before the day of Election.

2. That at every such Meeting, the Chairman having declared the business of the day, the Secretary of the College, or person acting for him, shall proceed to announce to the Meeting the names of the Fellows, as directed by the Charter; and that in order to entitle any Fellow to be balloted for as a Member of the Council, he shall, upon his name being so announced to the Meeting, be nominated in writing by three Fellows, such nomination to be delivered in to

the Chairman by such nominating Fellows, or one of them, and to contain a Certificate in writing, signed by such three Fellows, testifying on their personal knowledge that the person so nominated does not practise, and has not at any time, during the five preceding years, practised Midwifery or Pharmacy, and that he then resides, and *bona fide* practises his profession of a Surgeon within five miles, by highway or road, from the General Post Office in St. Martin's le Grand, and that he is a fit and proper person to be a Member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

3. That at the Meetings at which there shall be more than one Member of the Council to be elected, no Ballot shall be taken until the number of Fellows nominated in manner aforesaid shall be equal to the number of Members of Council to be elected.

4. That upon such nomination, as aforesaid, of any Fellow when there shall be only one Member of Council to be elected, and upon such nominations, as aforesaid, of a number of Fellows equal to the number of Members of Council to be



elected, when there shall be more than one such Member to be elected, the Chairman shall cause a Ballot or Ballots for such nominated Fellow or Fellows to be forthwith taken, and such Ballot or Ballots, as the case may be, shall be kept open for two hours, unless for the space of ten minutes after notice from the Chairman of his intention to close such Ballot or Ballots, no Fellow shall actually ballot, in which case the Chairman shall declare such Ballot or Ballots to be closed, although the two hours may not have expired; and at the expiration of such two hours, or upon such previous closing of the Ballot or Ballots, as the case may be, the Box or Boxes shall be opened by the Chairman, who shall thereupon declare whether such nominated Fellow or Fellows respectively have been elected or not.

5. That should any Fellow or Fellows so balloted for not be elected, the proceedings of the Meeting shall be continued, in manner aforesaid, until the vacancy, or until all the existing vacancies, if more than one, in the Council shall be filled up.

6. That an eligible Fellow whose name, on its

being announced to any Meeting as aforesaid, shall have been passed by for want of such Nomination and Certificate as aforesaid, or who shall upon a Ballot not have been elected into the Council, shall be eligible on a second occasion, provided notice of an intention to propose him, signed by not less than six Fellows, shall be transmitted to the President and Council, at the Hall of the said College, at least one month previous to the day on which the annual election of Members of the Council next after the passing by or non-election of such Fellow shall be held, and in the notice to the Fellows of such Election such intended special nomination shall be stated : Provided always, that before any such eligible Fellow shall be passed by for want of such Nomination and Certificate, as aforesaid, his name shall be announced to the Meeting a second time.

7. That the sum of Twenty Guineas, payable by every Member of the Council prior to admission, shall be payable upon his first admission only.

## SECT. VI.

That all such, or such parts of the existing Bye-Laws and Ordinances of the College as are inconsistent with the above Bye-Laws and Ordinances, or any of them, or with the new Charter granted to the College, or any of the provisions thereof, shall be and the same are accordingly hereby repealed and abrogated; but in all other respects, *mutatis mutandis*, such existing Bye-Laws and Ordinances shall continue in force.